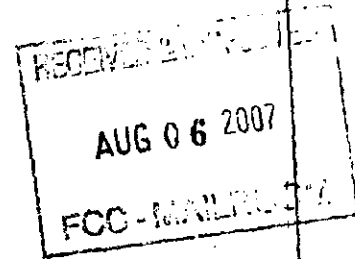


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Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I understand that you and your colleagues on the Federal Communications Commission will soon vote on the proposed merger of Sirius and XM satellite radio companies. I am a current satellite radio subscriber and rely on the service extensively during my frequent commute between Sioux Falls and Brookings, and travels around South Dakota.

As a subscriber, I am concerned about the potential impact of the merger on my service.

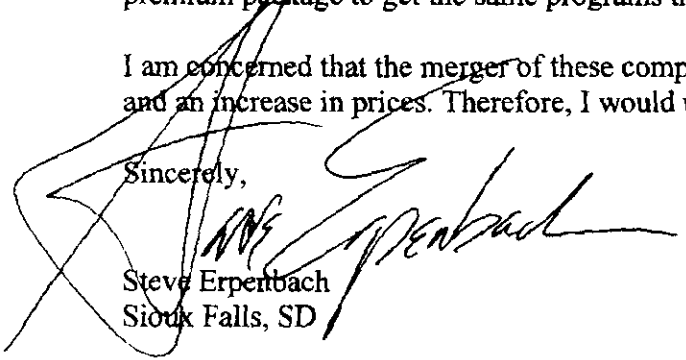
Currently, Sirius and XM have to compete with each other for customers. To attract and retain customers like me, they have to offer reasonable prices and quality programming. If they are allowed to merge, there will be no competition in the satellite radio market. In the absence of competition, the surviving company will be able to raise prices and cut programs without fear of losing customers to another provider. This is the textbook example of a monopoly.

Sirius and XM have said the merger will give subscribers access to the best of both services. I have concerns that this assertion does not take into account the capacity limits of their spectrums. If the surviving company attempts to squeeze all of its programming into its spectrum, the quality of the reception could be degraded. To avoid this problem, the surviving company will have to eliminate some programs from one or both providers to fit into the spectrum.

Sirius and XM also insist that the surviving company will offer program packages at various price levels. If so, many current subscribers may have to buy the higher-priced premium package to get the same programs that they currently enjoy.

I am concerned that the merger of these companies will result in a reduction of service and an increase in prices. Therefore, I would urge you to vote against it.

Sincerely,


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*Thank you for your
consideration.*